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## Gambling Act 2005



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The Act promotes three key objectives to enable more freedom for business operators and customers, while clamping down on crime and disorder and protecting children and the vulnerable. These are:

- Preventing gambling being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The Gambling Commission is responsible for granting operating and personal licences for commercial gambling while we licence gambling premises in Hertsmere.

A Premises Licence is required where an individual or company wants to offer premises-based gambling. The licences are issued in respect of specific premises.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, [Statement of Principles Gambling Policy 2018-2021](#) a Premises Licence is required for the following premises:

- casino
- bingo hall
- betting shop
- betting (track) - sporting venues not just tracks
- amusement arcade (for adults only, or where adult machines are provided)

Please look at or for further information the [Gambling Commission](#)

### Statement of principles review

The Statement of Principles is now due for review and notice is given that on 21 November 2018, in pursuance of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and in accordance with The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006, Hertsmere Borough Council (the Council) has approved a revised version of its statement of principles, proposed to be applied by the Council in the exercise of its licensing functions under the Act.

The statement explains how the Council will determine applications for licenses required under the Gambling Act 2005- these include permits and premises licenses for: betting premises and tracks; family entertainment centre and adult gaming centres (amusement arcades); gaming machines in alcohol-licensed premises and registration of small society lotteries.

The revised statement has been published and will take effect from 31 December 2018.

The policy can be viewed.

## How much will it cost for an application?

Please see the [Gambling Act 2005 Fee Structure](#). (Please note these fees where correct at time of publication and are subject to change at any time).

## Responsible Authorities S.157

A list of Responsible Authorities is available here: [GA-RESPONSIBLE-AUTHORITIES](#)

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